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filed on General File. This amendment would reword the wording on page 4 of AM3321, and on pages...or on lines 3, 4, and 5, the language currently says, expenses...entertainment expenses do not include the cost of events at which the attendance of a member of the Legislature or an official in the executive branch of the state is not the primary reason for the event. And some question in my mind, as well as questions in other people's minds, about what that "primary reason" really means, and so I am suggesting that we reword this and say, basically, that entertainment expenses shall be limited to the average cost attributable to an official if an entertainment expense is for an event to which persons other than such officials are invited, and that would mean then that it's what we've talked about all along. You would take the total cost of the event, divide it by the total people in attendance, and multiply it by the number of officials. No matter how many legislators are there, you'd still break it down into the number that were actually there and report that as part of the expense. I think the present language is a little bit ambiguous and that is my sole reason for offering this amendment. I'd be interested if anybody has any other ideas in this area.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I understand what Senator Schimek is doing with her amendment, I think, and I realize that there is some ambiguity in the language about primarily...what the primary purpose of any event is. It is my hope that if we don't make the change that Senator Schimek is suggesting that over time that will be fleshed out. It will take a number of times for the Accountability and Disclosure Commission to consider requests for opinions that are submitted to it by persons or organizations, but I hope that over time that can be fleshed out. I think that, in and of itself, the Schimek amendment would produce some uncertainty. Now I realize that the amendment says that you're to compute the average cost and you all look at that and you think that average cost is a mathematical calculation and that because it's a mathematical calculation that ought to be okay. Well, that only goes about so far and the only...the so far it goes is what numbers are used in the calculation and how exact do those numbers have to